

1                                    AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 716

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 716 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4            "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Sections 15-107, 15-111, 15-301, and 15-308.2 as  
6 follows:

7            (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

8            Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

9            (a) The maximum length of a single vehicle on any  
10 highway of this State may not exceed 42 feet except the  
11 following:

12                    (1) Semitrailers.

13                    (2) Charter or regulated route buses may be up to  
14 45 feet in length, not including energy absorbing  
15 bumpers.

16            (a-1) A motor home as defined in Section 1-145.01 may be  
17 up to 45 feet in length, not including energy absorbing  
18 bumpers. The length limitations described in this subsection  
19 (a-1) shall be exclusive of energy-absorbing bumpers and rear  
20 view mirrors.

21            (b) On all non-State highways, the maximum length of  
22 vehicles in combinations is as follows:

1           (1) A truck tractor in combination with a  
2           semitrailer may not exceed 55 feet overall dimension.

3           (2) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer may not  
4           exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

5           (3) Combinations specially designed to transport  
6           motor vehicles or boats may not exceed 60 feet overall  
7           dimension.

8           Vehicles operating during daylight hours when  
9           transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a  
10          structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered are  
11          exempt from length limitations, provided that no object may  
12          exceed 80 feet in length and the overall dimension of the  
13          vehicle including the load may not exceed 100 feet. This  
14          exemption does not apply to operation on a Saturday, Sunday,  
15          or legal holiday. Legal holidays referred to in this Section  
16          are the days on which the following traditional holidays are  
17          celebrated: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;  
18          Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

19          Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en  
20          route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities  
21          or properties are exempt from length limitations, provided  
22          that during night operations every vehicle and its load must  
23          be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on  
24          both sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any  
25          projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

26          A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or  
27          combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph  
28          (6) of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length  
29          limitations.

30          All other combinations not listed in this subsection (b)  
31          may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

32          (c) Combinations of vehicles may not exceed a total of 2  
33          vehicles except the following:

34                 (1) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one

1 trailer.

2 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one  
3 converter dolly.

4 (3) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one  
5 vehicle that is defined in Chapter 1 as special mobile  
6 equipment, provided the overall dimension does not exceed  
7 60 feet.

8 (4) A truck in transit may draw 3 trucks in transit  
9 coupled together by the triple saddlemount method.

10 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,  
11 provided the following:

12 (A) The total overall dimension does not  
13 exceed 60 feet.

14 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly  
15 registered vehicle capable of towing another vehicle  
16 using a fifth-wheel type assembly.

17 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of  
18 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by  
19 a fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be  
20 properly registered and must be equipped with  
21 brakes, regardless of weight.

22 (D) The third vehicle must be the lightest of  
23 the 3 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer  
24 designed or used for transporting a boat,  
25 all-terrain vehicle, personal watercraft, or  
26 motorcycle.

27 (E) The towed vehicles may be only for the use  
28 of the operator of the towing vehicle.

29 (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped  
30 with operating brakes and safety equipment required  
31 by this Code, except the additional brake  
32 requirement in subdivision (C) of this subparagraph  
33 (5).

34 (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled

1 vehicle or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the  
2 towing vehicle:

3 (A) Is specifically designed as a tow truck  
4 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least  
5 18,000 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided  
6 that air brakes are required only if the towing  
7 vehicle is towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or  
8 tractor-trailer combination that is equipped with  
9 air brakes. For the purpose of this subsection,  
10 gross vehicle weight rating, or GVWR, means the  
11 value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded  
12 weight of the tow truck.

13 (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
14 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500  
15 feet in all directions.

16 (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
17 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or  
18 combination of vehicles.

19 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway  
20 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement  
21 to a place of repair. Any additional movement of the  
22 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of  
23 authorization for that movement under the provisions  
24 of Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

25 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
26 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a  
27 tow truck towing another vehicle.

28 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely  
29 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed  
30 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not a  
31 separate vehicle.

32 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length  
33 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations  
34 provided:

1           (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with  
2 load, in combination with a truck tractor may not exceed  
3 53 feet.

4           (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center  
5 of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in  
6 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet  
7 6 inches.

8           (3) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen  
9 or with load, operated in a truck  
10 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, may not exceed  
11 28 feet 6 inches.

12           (4) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter  
13 1, may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

14           (5) Combinations of vehicles specifically designed  
15 to transport motor vehicles or boats may not exceed 65  
16 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is  
17 inclusive of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the  
18 overhang of the transported vehicles, as provided in  
19 paragraph (i) of this Section.

20           (6) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles as defined  
21 in Chapter 1, specifically designed to transport motor  
22 vehicles or boats, may not exceed 75 feet overall  
23 dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of front  
24 and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the  
25 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of  
26 this Section.

27           (7) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks  
28 coupled together by the triple saddlemount method may not  
29 exceed 75 feet overall dimension.

30           Vehicles operating during daylight hours when  
31 transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a  
32 structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered are  
33 exempt from length limitations, provided that no object may  
34 exceed 80 feet in length and the overall dimension of the

1 vehicle including the load may not exceed 100 feet. This  
2 exemption does not apply to operation on a Saturday, Sunday,  
3 or legal holiday. Legal holidays referred to in this Section  
4 are the days on which the following traditional holidays are  
5 celebrated: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;  
6 Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

7 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en  
8 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities  
9 or properties are exempt from length limitations, provided  
10 that during night operations every vehicle and its load must  
11 be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on  
12 both sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any  
13 projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

14 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or  
15 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph  
16 (6) of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length  
17 limitations.

18 The length limitations described in this paragraph (d)  
19 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,  
20 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and  
21 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary  
22 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device  
23 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use  
24 the capability to carry cargo.

25 Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act  
26 relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the  
27 designation of highways under this paragraph (d).

28 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length  
29 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,  
30 provided:

31 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with  
32 load, in combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed  
33 53 feet overall dimension.

34 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center

1 of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in  
2 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet  
3 6 inches.

4 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination  
5 may not exceed 65 feet in dimension from front axle to  
6 rear axle.

7 (4) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen  
8 or with load, operated in a truck  
9 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, may not exceed  
10 28 feet 6 inches.

11 (5) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter  
12 1, may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

13 (6) A combination of vehicles, specifically  
14 designed to transport motor vehicles or boats, may not  
15 exceed 65 feet overall dimension. The length limitation  
16 is inclusive of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of  
17 the overhang of the transported vehicles, as provided in  
18 paragraph (i) of this Section.

19 (7) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles, as  
20 defined in Chapter 1, specifically designed to transport  
21 motor vehicles or boats, may not exceed 75 feet overall  
22 dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of front  
23 and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the  
24 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of  
25 this Section.

26 (8) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks  
27 coupled together by the triple saddlemount method may not  
28 exceed 75 feet overall dimension.

29 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when  
30 transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a  
31 structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered are  
32 exempt from length limitations, provided that no object may  
33 exceed 80 feet in length and the overall dimension of the  
34 vehicle including the load may not exceed 100 feet. This

1 exemption does not apply to operation on a Saturday, Sunday,  
2 or legal holiday. Legal holidays referred to in this Section  
3 are the days on which the following traditional holidays are  
4 celebrated: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;  
5 Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

6 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en  
7 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities  
8 or properties are exempt from length limitations, provided  
9 that during night operations every vehicle and its load must  
10 be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on  
11 both sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any  
12 projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

13 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or  
14 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph  
15 (6) of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length  
16 limitations.

17 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways  
18 under their jurisdiction, may also by ordinance or resolution  
19 allow length limitations of this subsection (e).

20 The length limitations described in this paragraph (e)  
21 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,  
22 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and  
23 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary  
24 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device  
25 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use  
26 the capability to carry cargo.

27 (e-1) Combinations of vehicles not exceeding 65 feet  
28 overall length are allowed access as follows:

29 (1) From any State designated highway onto any  
30 county, township, or municipal highway for a distance of  
31 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading and unloading,  
32 provided:

33 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 73,280 pounds  
34 in gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.



1 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

2 (C) The route is not being used as a  
3 thoroughfare between State designated highways.

4 (2) From any State designated highway onto any  
5 county or township highway for a distance of 5 highway  
6 miles or onto any municipal highway for a distance of one  
7 highway mile for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs, and  
8 rest, provided:

9 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 73,280 pounds  
10 in gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.

11 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

12 (C) The route is not being used as a  
13 thoroughfare between State designated highways.

14 (e-2) Except as provided in subsection (e-3),  
15 combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length, with no  
16 overall length limitation except as provided in subsections  
17 (d) and (e) of this Section, are allowed access as follows:

18 (1) From a Class I highway onto any street or  
19 highway for a distance of one highway mile for the  
20 purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and  
21 rest, provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

22 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any  
23 State highway or any locally designated highway for a  
24 distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading,  
25 unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

26 (e-3) Combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length  
27 operated by household goods carriers, with no overall length  
28 limitations except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of  
29 this Section, have unlimited access to points of loading and  
30 unloading.

31 Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act  
32 relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the  
33 designation of highways under this paragraph (e).

34 (f) On Class III and other non-designated State

1 highways, the length limitations for vehicles in combination  
2 are as follows:

3 (1) Truck tractor-semitrailer combinations, must  
4 comply with either a maximum 55 feet overall wheel base  
5 or a maximum 65 feet extreme overall dimension.

6 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not  
7 exceed 53 feet overall dimension.

8 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer  
9 combination may exceed 60 feet extreme overall dimension.

10 (4) The distance between the kingpin and the center  
11 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination  
12 with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches.

13 (g) Length limitations in the preceding subsections of  
14 this Section 15-107 do not apply to the following:

15 (1) Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on  
16 Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting  
17 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural  
18 nature that cannot readily be dismembered, provided the  
19 overall length of vehicle and load may not exceed 100  
20 feet and no object exceeding 80 feet in length may be  
21 transported unless a permit has been obtained as  
22 authorized in Section 15-301.

23 (2) Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility  
24 while en route to make emergency repairs to public  
25 service facilities or properties, but during night  
26 operation every vehicle and its load must be equipped  
27 with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides  
28 and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting  
29 load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

30 (3) A tow truck in combination with a disabled  
31 vehicle or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the  
32 towing vehicle meets the following conditions:

33 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck  
34 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least

1 18,000 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided  
 2 that air brakes are required only if the towing  
 3 vehicle is towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or  
 4 tractor-trailer combination that is equipped with  
 5 air brakes.

6 (B) It is equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
 7 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500  
 8 feet in all directions.

9 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting  
 10 and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or  
 11 combination of vehicles.

12 (D) It does not engage in a tow exceeding 50  
 13 miles from the initial point of wreck or  
 14 disablement.

15 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
 16 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a  
 17 tow truck towing another vehicle. The towing vehicle,  
 18 however, may tow any disabled vehicle from the initial point  
 19 of wreck or disablement to a point where repairs are actually  
 20 to occur. This movement shall be valid only on State routes.  
 21 The tower must abide by posted bridge weight limits.

22 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight  
 23 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the  
 24 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck. Legal  
 25 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as  
 26 the day on which the following traditional holidays are  
 27 celebrated:

- 28 New Year's Day;
- 29 Memorial Day;
- 30 Independence Day;
- 31 Labor Day;
- 32 Thanksgiving Day; and
- 33 Christmas Day.

34 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the

1 load upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles,  
2 shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of  
3 the vehicle or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is  
4 equipped with a front bumper. The provisions of this  
5 subsection (h) shall not apply to any vehicle or combination  
6 of vehicles specifically designed for the collection and  
7 transportation of waste, garbage, or recyclable materials  
8 during the vehicle's operation in the course of collecting  
9 garbage, waste, or recyclable materials if the vehicle is  
10 traveling at a speed not in excess of 15 miles per hour  
11 during the vehicle's operation and in the course of  
12 collecting garbage, waste, or recyclable materials. However,  
13 in no instance shall the load extend more than 7 feet beyond  
14 the front wheels of the vehicle or the front bumper of the  
15 vehicle if it is equipped with a front bumper.

16 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of a combination of  
17 vehicles specifically designed to transport motor vehicles  
18 shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the foremost part of  
19 the transporting vehicle and the load upon the rear  
20 transporting vehicle shall not extend more than 4 feet beyond  
21 the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle. This paragraph  
22 shall only be applicable upon highways designated in  
23 paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section.

24 (j) Articulated vehicles comprised of 2 sections,  
25 neither of which exceeds a length of 42 feet, designed for  
26 the carrying of more than 10 persons, may be up to 60 feet in  
27 length, not including energy absorbing bumpers, provided that  
28 the vehicles are:

29 1. operated by or for any public body or motor  
30 carrier authorized by law to provide public  
31 transportation services; or

32 2. operated in local public transportation service  
33 by any other person and the municipality in which the  
34 service is to be provided approved the operation of the

1 vehicle.

2 (j-1) (Blank).

3 (k) Any person who is convicted of violating this  
4 Section is subject to the penalty as provided in paragraph  
5 (b) of Section 15-113.

6 (l) (Blank).

7 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 92-766, eff. 1-1-03;  
8 92-883, eff. 1-13-03; 93-177, eff. 7-11-03.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)

10 Sec. 15-111. Wheel and axle loads and gross weights.

11 (a) On non-designated highways, no vehicle or  
12 combination of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires may be  
13 operated, unladen or with load, when the total weight  
14 transmitted to the road surface exceeds 18,000 pounds on a  
15 single axle or 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle  
16 within the tandem exceeding 18,000 pounds except:

17 (1) when a different limit is established and  
18 posted in accordance with Section 15-316 of this Code;

19 (2) vehicles for which the Department of  
20 Transportation and local authorities issue overweight  
21 permits under authority of Section 15-301 of this Code;

22 (3) tow trucks subject to the conditions provided  
23 in subsection (d) may not exceed 24,000 pounds on a  
24 single rear axle or 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle;

25 (4) any single axle of a 2-axle truck weighing  
26 36,000 pounds or less and not a part of a combination of  
27 vehicles, shall not exceed 20,000 pounds;

28 (5) any single axle of a 2-axle truck equipped with  
29 a personnel lift or digger derrick, weighing 36,000  
30 pounds or less, owned and operated by a public utility,  
31 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds;

32 (6) any single axle of a 2-axle truck specially  
33 equipped with a front loading compactor used exclusively

1 for garbage, refuse, or recycling may not exceed 20,000  
2 pounds per axle, provided that the gross weight of the  
3 vehicle does not exceed 40,000 pounds;

4 (7) a truck, not in combination and specially  
5 equipped with a selfcompactor or an industrial roll-off  
6 hoist and roll-off container, used exclusively for  
7 garbage or refuse operations may, when laden, transmit  
8 upon the road surface the following maximum weights:  
9 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem  
10 axle;

11 (8) a truck, not in combination and used  
12 exclusively for the collection of rendering materials,  
13 may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface the  
14 following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single  
15 axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle;

16 (9) tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered as a  
17 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the  
18 model year of 2014 and first registered in Illinois prior  
19 to January 1, 2015, with a distance greater than 72  
20 inches but not more than 96 inches between any series of  
21 2 axles, is allowed a combined weight on the series not  
22 to exceed 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series  
23 may exceed 18,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type  
24 manufactured after the model year of 2014 or first  
25 registered in Illinois after December 31, 2014 may not  
26 exceed a combined weight of 32,000 pounds through the  
27 series of 2 axles and neither axle of the series may  
28 exceed 18,000 pounds;

29 (10) tandem axles on a 4-axle truck mixer, whose  
30 fourth axle is a road surface engaging mixer trailing  
31 axle, registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used  
32 exclusively for the mixing and transportation of concrete  
33 and manufactured prior to or in the model year of 2014  
34 and first registered in Illinois prior to January 1,

1 2015, with a distance greater than 72 inches but not more  
2 than 96 inches between any series of 2 axles, is allowed  
3 a combined weight on the series not to exceed 36,000  
4 pounds and neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000  
5 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured after the  
6 model year of 2014 or first registered in Illinois after  
7 December 31, 2014 may not exceed a combined weight of  
8 32,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and neither  
9 axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds;

10 (11) 4-axle vehicles or a 5 or more axle  
11 combination of vehicles: The weight transmitted upon the  
12 road surface through any series of 3 axles whose centers  
13 are more than 96 inches apart, measured between extreme  
14 axles in the series, may not exceed those allowed in the  
15 table contained in subsection (f) of this Section. No  
16 axle or tandem axle of the series may exceed the maximum  
17 weight permitted under this Section for a single or  
18 tandem axle.

19 No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other  
20 than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,  
21 upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the  
22 road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch  
23 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road  
24 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

25 (b) On non-designated highways, the gross weight of  
26 vehicles and combination of vehicles including the weight of  
27 the vehicle or combination and its maximum load shall be  
28 subject to the foregoing limitations and further shall not  
29 exceed the following gross weights dependent upon the number  
30 of axles and distance between extreme axles of the vehicle or  
31 combination measured longitudinally to the nearest foot.

32 VEHICLES HAVING 2 AXLES ..... 36,000 pounds

33 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

1	HAVING 3 AXLES			
2	With Tandem		With or	
3	Axles		Without	
4			Tandem Axles	
5	Minimum		Minimum	
6	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
7	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
8	between	Weight	between	Weight
9	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
10	10 feet	41,000	16 feet	46,000
11	11	42,000	17	47,000
12	12	43,000	18	47,500
13	13	44,000	19	48,000
14	14	44,500	20	49,000
15	15	45,000	21 feet or more	50,000

16 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

17	HAVING 4 AXLES			
18	Minimum		Minimum	
19	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
20	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
21	between	Weight	between	Weight
22	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
23	15 feet	50,000	26 feet	57,500
24	16	50,500	27	58,000
25	17	51,500	28	58,500
26	18	52,000	29	59,500
27	19	52,500	30	60,000
28	20	53,500	31	60,500
29	21	54,000	32	61,500
30	22	54,500	33	62,000
31	23	55,500	34	62,500
32	24	56,000	35	63,500
33	25	56,500	36 feet or more	64,000



1 A vehicle not in a combination having more than 4 axles  
 2 may not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (b)  
 3 for 4 axles measured between the extreme axles of the  
 4 vehicle.

5 COMBINATIONS HAVING 5 OR MORE AXLES

6	Minimum distance to	Maximum
7	nearest foot between	Gross Weight
8	extreme axles	(pounds)
9	42 feet or less	72,000
10	43	73,000
11	44 feet or more	73,280

12 VEHICLES OPERATING ON CRAWLER TYPE TRACKS ..... 40,000 pounds

13 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH SELFCOMPACTORS

14 OR ROLL-OFF HOISTS AND ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS FOR GARBAGE

15 OR REFUSE HAULS ONLY AND TRUCKS USED FOR

16 THE COLLECTION OF RENDERING MATERIALS

17 On Highway Not Part of National System

18 of Interstate and Defense Highways

19	with 2 axles	36,000 pounds
20	with 3 axles	54,000 pounds

21 TWO AXLE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH

22 A FRONT LOADING COMPACTOR USED EXCLUSIVELY

23 FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, REFUSE, OR RECYCLING

24	with 2 axles	40,000 pounds
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25 (c) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may  
 26 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2 axle motor vehicles 33  
 27 1/2% above those provided for herein, but the increase shall  
 28 not become effective until the city has officially notified  
 29 the Department of the passage of the ordinance and shall not  
 30 apply to those vehicles when outside of the limits of the  
 31 city, nor shall the gross weight of any 2 axle motor vehicle  
 32 operating over any street of the city exceed 40,000 pounds.

1 (d) Weight limitations shall not apply to vehicles  
2 (including loads) operated by a public utility when  
3 transporting equipment required for emergency repair of  
4 public utility facilities or properties or water wells.

5 A combination of vehicles, including a tow truck and a  
6 disabled vehicle or disabled combination of vehicles, that  
7 exceeds the weight restriction imposed by this Code, may be  
8 operated on a public highway in this State provided that  
9 neither the disabled vehicle nor any vehicle being towed nor  
10 the tow truck itself shall exceed the weight limitations  
11 permitted under this Chapter. During the towing operation,  
12 neither the tow truck nor the vehicle combination shall  
13 exceed 24,000 pounds on a single rear axle and 44,000 pounds  
14 on a tandem rear axle, provided the towing vehicle:

15 (1) is specifically designed as a tow truck having  
16 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds  
17 and is equipped with air brakes, provided that air brakes  
18 are required only if the towing vehicle is towing a  
19 vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer combination that  
20 is equipped with air brakes;

21 (2) is equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
22 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet  
23 in all directions;

24 (3) is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
25 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination of  
26 vehicles; and

27 (4) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles  
28 from the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any  
29 additional movement of the vehicles may occur only upon  
30 issuance of authorization for that movement under the  
31 provisions of Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this  
32 Code. The towing vehicle, however, may tow any disabled  
33 vehicle from the initial point of wreck or disablement to  
34 a point where repairs are actually to occur. This

1 movement shall be valid only on State routes. The tower  
2 must abide by posted bridge weight limits.

3 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of  
4 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck  
5 license plate must cover the operating empty weight of the  
6 tow truck only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall  
7 be covered by a valid license plate issued to the owner or  
8 operator of the vehicle being towed and displayed on that  
9 vehicle. If no valid plate issued to the owner or operator of  
10 that vehicle is displayed on that vehicle, or the plate  
11 displayed on that vehicle does not cover the weight of the  
12 vehicle, the weight of the vehicle shall be covered by the  
13 third tow truck plate issued to the owner or operator of the  
14 tow truck and temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed.

15 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
16 additional requirements. However, nothing in this Code shall  
17 prohibit a tow truck under instructions of a police officer  
18 from legally clearing a disabled vehicle, that may be in  
19 violation of weight limitations of this Chapter, from the  
20 roadway to the berm or shoulder of the highway. If in the  
21 opinion of the police officer that location is unsafe, the  
22 officer is authorized to have the disabled vehicle towed to  
23 the nearest place of safety.

24 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight  
25 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the  
26 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

27 (e) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with  
28 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon  
29 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of  
30 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301  
31 through 15-319 of this Chapter.

32 (f) On designated Class I, II, or III highways and the  
33 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, no  
34 vehicle or combination of vehicles with pneumatic tires may

1 be operated, unladen or with load, when the total weight on  
 2 the road surface exceeds the following: 20,000 pounds on a  
 3 single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle  
 4 within the tandem exceeding 20,000 pounds; 80,000 pounds  
 5 gross weight for vehicle combinations of 5 or more axles; or  
 6 a total weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles in  
 7 excess of that weight produced by the application of the  
 8 following formula:  $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by}$   
 9  $N-1) + 12N + 36$ , where "W" equals overall total weight on any  
 10 group of 2 or more consecutive axles to the nearest 500  
 11 pounds, "L" equals the distance measured to the nearest foot  
 12 between extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles,  
 13 and "N" equals the number of axles in the group under  
 14 consideration.

15 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results  
 16 in allowable loads as follows:

17	Distance measured				
18	to the nearest				
19	foot between the				
20	extremes of any		Maximum weight in pounds		
21	group of 2 or		of any group of		
22	more consecutive		2 or more consecutive axles		
23	axles				
24	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles 6 axles
25	4	34,000			
26	5	34,000			
27	6	34,000			
28	7	34,000			
29	8	38,000*	42,000		
30	9	39,000	42,500		
31	10	40,000	43,500		
32	11		44,000		
33	12		45,000	50,000	
34	13		45,500	50,500	

1	14	46,500	51,500		
2	15	47,000	52,000		
3	16	48,000	52,500	58,000	
4	17	48,500	53,500	58,500	
5	18	49,500	54,000	59,000	
6	19	50,000	54,500	60,000	
7	20	51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
8	21	51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
9	22	52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
10	23	53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
11	24	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
12	25	54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
13	26	55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500
14	27	56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000
15	28	57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
16	29	57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
17	30	58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000
18	31	59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500
19	32	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000
20	33		64,000	68,500	74,000
21	34		64,500	69,000	74,500
22	35		65,500	70,000	75,000
23	36		66,000	70,500	75,500
24	37		66,500	71,000	76,000
25	38		67,500	72,000	77,000
26	39		68,000	72,500	77,500
27	40		68,500	73,000	78,000
28	41		69,500	73,500	78,500
29	42		70,000	74,000	79,000
30	43		70,500	75,000	80,000
31	44		71,500	75,500	
32	45		72,000	76,000	
33	46		72,500	76,500	
34	47		73,500	77,500	

1	48	74,000	78,000
2	49	74,500	78,500
3	50	75,500	79,000
4	51	76,000	80,000
5	52	76,500	
6	53	77,500	
7	54	78,000	
8	55	78,500	
9	56	79,500	
10	57	80,000	

11 \*If the distance between 2 axles is 96 inches or less, the 2  
 12 axles are tandem axles and the maximum total weight may not  
 13 exceed 34,000 pounds, notwithstanding the higher limit  
 14 resulting from the application of the formula.

15 Vehicles not in a combination having more than 4 axles  
 16 may not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f)  
 17 for 4 axles measured between the extreme axles of the  
 18 vehicle.

19 Vehicles in a combination having more than 6 axles may  
 20 not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f) for  
 21 6 axles measured between the extreme axles of the  
 22 combination.

23 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways  
 24 under their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also  
 25 by ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of  
 26 this subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one  
 27 axle shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total  
 28 weight on any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on  
 29 designated highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving  
 30 notice are erected upon the street or highway or portion of  
 31 any street or highway affected by the ordinance or  
 32 resolution.

33 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

- 34 (1) Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry

1 a total weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall  
2 distance between the first and last axles of the  
3 consecutive sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more.

4 (2) Vehicles for which a different limit is  
5 established and posted in accordance with Section 15-316  
6 of this Code.

7 (3) Vehicles for which the Department of  
8 Transportation and local authorities issue overweight  
9 permits under authority of Section 15-301 of this Code.  
10 These vehicles are not subject to the bridge formula.

11 (4) Tow trucks subject to the conditions provided  
12 in subsection (d) may not exceed 24,000 pounds on a  
13 single rear axle or 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle.

14 (5) A tandem axle on a 3-axle truck registered as a  
15 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the  
16 model year of 2014, and registered in Illinois prior to  
17 January 1, 2015, with a distance between 2 axles in a  
18 series greater than 72 inches but not more than 96 inches  
19 may not exceed a total weight of 36,000 pounds and  
20 neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds.

21 (6) A truck not in combination, equipped with a  
22 self compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and  
23 roll-off container, used exclusively for garbage or  
24 refuse operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the  
25 road surface, except when on part of the National System  
26 of Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum  
27 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on  
28 a tandem axle; 36,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle  
29 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.  
30 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

31 (7) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special  
32 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured  
33 prior to or in the model year of 2014, and registered in  
34 Illinois prior to January 1, 2015, having 5 axles with a

1 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may  
2 not exceed the following maximum weights: 18,000 pounds  
3 on a single axle; 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and  
4 72,000 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles  
5 is not subject to the bridge formula. For all those  
6 combinations of vehicles that include a semitrailer  
7 manufactured after the effective date of this amendatory  
8 Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the overall distance  
9 between the first and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems  
10 must be 18 feet 6 inches or more. Any combination of  
11 vehicles that has had its cargo container replaced in its  
12 entirety after December 31, 2014 may not exceed the  
13 weights allowed by the bridge formula.

14 No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other  
15 than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,  
16 upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the  
17 road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch  
18 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road  
19 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

20 (f-1) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds is  
21 allowed access as follows:

22 (1) From any State designated highway onto any  
23 county, township, or municipal highway for a distance of  
24 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading and unloading,  
25 provided:

26 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 8  
27 feet 6 inches in width and 65 feet overall length.

28 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

29 (C) The route is not being used as a  
30 thoroughfare between State designated highways.

31 (2) From any State designated highway onto any  
32 county or township highway for a distance of 5 highway  
33 miles, or any municipal highway for a distance of one  
34 highway mile for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs, and



1 rest, provided:

2 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 8  
3 feet 6 inches in width and 65 feet overall length.

4 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

5 (C) The route is not being used as a  
6 thoroughfare between State designated highways.

7 (f-2) A vehicle and load greater than 73,280 pounds in  
8 weight but not exceeding 80,000 pounds is allowed access as  
9 follows:

10 (1) From a Class I highway onto any street or  
11 highway for a distance of one highway mile for the  
12 purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and  
13 rest, provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

14 (2) From a Class I, II, or III highway onto any  
15 State highway or any local designated highway for a  
16 distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading,  
17 unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

18 Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act  
19 relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the  
20 designation of highways under this subsection.

21 (g) No person shall operate a vehicle or combination of  
22 vehicles over a bridge or other elevated structure  
23 constituting part of a highway with a gross weight that is  
24 greater than the maximum weight permitted by the Department,  
25 when the structure is sign posted as provided in this  
26 Section.

27 (h) The Department upon request from any local authority  
28 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an  
29 investigation of any bridge or other elevated structure  
30 constituting a part of a highway, and if it finds that the  
31 structure cannot with safety to itself withstand the weight  
32 of vehicles otherwise permissible under this Code the  
33 Department shall determine and declare the maximum weight of  
34 vehicles that the structures can withstand, and shall cause

1 or permit suitable signs stating maximum weight to be erected  
2 and maintained before each end of the structure. No person  
3 shall operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles over any  
4 structure with a gross weight that is greater than the posted  
5 maximum weight.

6 (i) Upon the trial of any person charged with a  
7 violation of subsections (g) or (h) of this Section, proof of  
8 the determination of the maximum allowable weight by the  
9 Department and the existence of the signs, constitutes  
10 conclusive evidence of the maximum weight that can be  
11 maintained with safety to the bridge or structure.

12 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 93-177, eff. 7-11-03;  
13 93-186, eff. 1-1-04; revised 8-12-03.)

14 (625 ILCS 5/15-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301)  
15 Sec. 15-301. Permits for excess size and weight.

16 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its  
17 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways  
18 under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon  
19 application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a  
20 special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a  
21 vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of  
22 vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Act  
23 or otherwise not in conformity with this Act upon any highway  
24 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and  
25 for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.  
26 Applications and permits other than those in written or  
27 printed form may only be accepted from and issued to the  
28 company or individual making the movement. Except for an  
29 application to move directly across a highway, it shall be  
30 the duty of the applicant to establish in the application  
31 that the load to be moved by such vehicle or combination is  
32 composed of a single nondivisible object that cannot  
33 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled. For the purpose of

1 over length movements, more than one object may be carried  
2 side by side as long as the height, width, and weight laws  
3 are not exceeded and the cause for the over length is not due  
4 to multiple objects. For the purpose of over height  
5 movements, more than one object may be carried as long as the  
6 cause for the over height is not due to multiple objects and  
7 the length, width, and weight laws are not exceeded. For the  
8 purpose of an over width movement, more than one object may  
9 be carried as long as the cause for the over width is not due  
10 to multiple objects and length, height, and weight laws are  
11 not exceeded. No state or local agency shall authorize the  
12 issuance of excess size or weight permits for vehicles and  
13 loads that are divisible and that can be carried, when  
14 divided, within the existing size or weight maximums  
15 specified in this Chapter. Any excess size or weight permit  
16 issued in violation of the provisions of this Section shall  
17 be void at issue and any movement made thereunder shall not  
18 be authorized under the terms of the void permit. In any  
19 prosecution for a violation of this Chapter when the  
20 authorization of an excess size or weight permit is at issue,  
21 it is the burden of the defendant to establish that the  
22 permit was valid because the load to be moved could not  
23 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, or was otherwise  
24 nondivisible.

25 (b) The application for any such permit shall: (1) state  
26 whether such permit is requested for a single trip or for  
27 limited continuous operation; (2) state if the applicant is  
28 an authorized carrier under the Illinois Motor Carrier of  
29 Property Law, if so, his certificate, registration or permit  
30 number issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission; (3)  
31 specifically describe and identify the vehicle or vehicles  
32 and load to be operated or moved except that for vehicles or  
33 vehicle combinations registered by the Department as provided  
34 in Section 15-319 of this Chapter, only the Illinois

1 Department of Transportation's (IDT) registration number or  
2 classification need be given; (4) state the routing requested  
3 including the points of origin and destination, and may  
4 identify and include a request for routing to the nearest  
5 certified scale in accordance with the Department's rules and  
6 regulations, provided the applicant has approval to travel on  
7 local roads; and (5) state if the vehicles or loads are being  
8 transported for hire. No permits for the movement of a  
9 vehicle or load for hire shall be issued to any applicant who  
10 is required under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law  
11 to have a certificate, registration or permit and does not  
12 have such certificate, registration or permit.

13 (c) The Department or local authority when not  
14 inconsistent with traffic safety is authorized to issue or  
15 withhold such permit at its discretion; or, if such permit is  
16 issued at its discretion to prescribe the route or routes to  
17 be traveled, to limit the number of trips, to establish  
18 seasonal or other time limitations within which the vehicles  
19 described may be operated on the highways indicated, or  
20 otherwise to limit or prescribe conditions of operations of  
21 such vehicle or vehicles, when necessary to assure against  
22 undue damage to the road foundations, surfaces or structures,  
23 and may require such undertaking or other security as may be  
24 deemed necessary to compensate for any injury to any roadway  
25 or road structure. The Department shall maintain a daily  
26 record of each permit issued along with the fee and the  
27 stipulated dimensions, weights, conditions and restrictions  
28 authorized and this record shall be presumed correct in any  
29 case of questions or dispute. The Department shall install an  
30 automatic device for recording applications received and  
31 permits issued by telephone. In making application by  
32 telephone, the Department and applicant waive all objections  
33 to the recording of the conversation.

34 (d) The Department shall, upon application in writing

1 from any local authority, issue an annual permit authorizing  
2 the local authority to move oversize highway construction,  
3 transportation, utility and maintenance equipment over roads  
4 under the jurisdiction of the Department. The permit shall be  
5 applicable only to equipment and vehicles owned by or  
6 registered in the name of the local authority, and no fee  
7 shall be charged for the issuance of such permits.

8 (e) As an exception to paragraph (a) of this Section,  
9 the Department and local authorities, with respect to  
10 highways under their respective jurisdictions, in their  
11 discretion and upon application in writing may issue a  
12 special permit for limited continuous operation, authorizing  
13 the applicant to move loads of sweet corn, soybeans, corn,  
14 wheat, milo, other small grains and ensilage during the  
15 harvest season only on a 2 axle single vehicle registered by  
16 the Secretary of State with axle loads not to exceed 35%  
17 above those provided in Section 15-111. Permits may be issued  
18 for a period not to exceed 40 days and moves may be made of a  
19 distance not to exceed 25 miles from a field to a specified  
20 processing plant over any highway except the National System  
21 of Interstate and Defense Highways. All such vehicles shall  
22 be operated in the daytime except when weather or crop  
23 conditions require emergency operation at night, but with  
24 respect to such night operation, every such vehicle with load  
25 shall be equipped with flashing amber lights as specified  
26 under Section 12-215. Upon a declaration by the Governor that  
27 an emergency harvest situation exists, a special permit  
28 issued by the Department under this Section shall not be  
29 required from September 1 through December 31 during harvest  
30 season emergencies, provided that the weight does not exceed  
31 20% above the limits provided in Section 15-111. All other  
32 restrictions that apply to permits issued under this Section  
33 shall apply during the declared time period. With respect to  
34 highways under the jurisdiction of local authorities, the

1 local authorities may, at their discretion, waive special  
2 permit requirements during harvest season emergencies. This  
3 permit exemption shall apply to all vehicles eligible to  
4 obtain permits under this Section, including commercial  
5 vehicles in use during the declared time period.

6 (f) The form and content of the permit shall be  
7 determined by the Department with respect to highways under  
8 its jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to  
9 highways under their jurisdiction. Every permit shall be in  
10 written form and carried in the vehicle or combination of  
11 vehicles to which it refers and shall be open to inspection  
12 by any police officer or authorized agent of any authority  
13 granting the permit and no person shall violate any of the  
14 terms or conditions of such special permit. Violation of the  
15 terms and conditions of the permit shall not be deemed a  
16 revocation of the permit; however, any vehicle and load found  
17 to be off the route prescribed in the permit shall be held to  
18 be operating without a permit. Any off route vehicle and  
19 load shall be required to obtain a new permit or permits, as  
20 necessary, to authorize the movement back onto the original  
21 permit routing. No rule or regulation, nor anything herein  
22 shall be construed to authorize any police officer, court, or  
23 authorized agent of any authority granting the permit to  
24 remove the permit from the possession of the permittee unless  
25 the permittee is charged with a fraudulent permit violation  
26 as provided in paragraph (i). However, upon arrest for an  
27 offense of violation of permit, operating without a permit  
28 when the vehicle is off route, or any size or weight offense  
29 under this Chapter when the permittee plans to raise the  
30 issuance of the permit as a defense, the permittee, or his  
31 agent, must produce the permit at any court hearing  
32 concerning the alleged offense.

33 If the permit designates and includes a routing to a  
34 certified scale, the permittee, while enroute to the

1 designated scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the  
2 weight provisions of the permit provided the axle or gross  
3 weights do not exceed any of the permitted limits by more  
4 than the following amounts:

5	Single axle	2000 pounds
6	Tandem axle	3000 pounds
7	Gross	5000 pounds

8 (g) The Department is authorized to adopt, amend, and to  
9 make available to interested persons a policy concerning  
10 reasonable rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of  
11 operation upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to  
12 those contained in this Section for the movement by special  
13 permit of vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot  
14 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, including  
15 manufactured and modular home sections and portions thereof.  
16 All rules, limitations and conditions or provisions adopted  
17 in the policy shall have due regard for the safety of the  
18 traveling public and the protection of the highway system and  
19 shall have been promulgated in conformity with the provisions  
20 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The  
21 requirements of the policy for flagmen and escort vehicles  
22 shall be the same for all moves of comparable size and  
23 weight. When escort vehicles are required, they shall meet  
24 the following requirements:

25 (1) All operators shall be 18 years of age or over  
26 and properly licensed to operate the vehicle.

27 (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than  
28 12-feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing  
29 amber light mounted on top as specified under Section  
30 12-215.

31 The Department shall establish reasonable rules and  
32 regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance  
33 for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under The  
34 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be

1 required for escort under circumstances as required by rules  
2 and regulations of the Department.

3 (h) Violation of any rule, limitation or condition or  
4 provision of any permit issued in accordance with the  
5 provisions of this Section shall not render the entire permit  
6 null and void but the violator shall be deemed guilty of  
7 violation of permit and guilty of exceeding any size, weight  
8 or load limitations in excess of those authorized by the  
9 permit. The prescribed route or routes on the permit are not  
10 mere rules, limitations, conditions, or provisions of the  
11 permit, but are also the sole extent of the authorization  
12 granted by the permit. If a vehicle and load are found to be  
13 off the route or routes prescribed by any permit authorizing  
14 movement, the vehicle and load are operating without a  
15 permit. Any off route movement shall be subject to the size  
16 and weight maximums, under the applicable provisions of this  
17 Chapter, as determined by the type or class highway upon  
18 which the vehicle and load are being operated.

19 (i) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made  
20 under a fraudulent permit the permit shall be void, and the  
21 person, firm, or corporation to whom such permit was granted,  
22 the driver of such vehicle in addition to the person who  
23 issued such permit and any accessory, shall be guilty of  
24 fraud and either one or all persons may be prosecuted for  
25 such violation. Any person, firm, or corporation committing  
26 such violation shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and the  
27 Department shall not issue permits to the person, firm or  
28 corporation convicted of such violation for a period of one  
29 year after the date of conviction. Penalties for violations  
30 of this Section shall be in addition to any penalties imposed  
31 for violation of other Sections of this Act.

32 (j) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made in  
33 violation of a permit issued in accordance with this Section,  
34 the person to whom such permit was granted, or the driver of



1 such vehicle, is guilty of such violation and either, but not  
2 both, persons may be prosecuted for such violation as stated  
3 in this subsection (j). Any person, firm or corporation  
4 convicted of such violation shall be guilty of a petty  
5 offense and shall be fined for the first offense, not less  
6 than \$50 nor more than \$200 and, for the second offense by  
7 the same person, firm or corporation within a period of one  
8 year, not less than \$200 nor more than \$300 and, for the  
9 third offense by the same person, firm or corporation within  
10 a period of one year after the date of the first offense, not  
11 less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and the Department shall  
12 not issue permits to the person, firm or corporation  
13 convicted of a third offense during a period of one year  
14 after the date of conviction for such third offense.

15 (k) Whenever any vehicle is operated on local roads  
16 under permits for excess width or length issued by local  
17 authorities, such vehicle may be moved upon a State highway  
18 for a distance not to exceed one-half mile without a permit  
19 for the purpose of crossing the State highway.

20 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,  
21 the Department, with respect to highways under its  
22 jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways  
23 under their jurisdiction, may at their discretion authorize  
24 the movement of a vehicle in violation of any size or weight  
25 requirement, or both, that would not ordinarily be eligible  
26 for a permit, when there is a showing of extreme necessity  
27 that the vehicle and load should be moved without unnecessary  
28 delay.

29 For the purpose of this subsection, showing of extreme  
30 necessity shall be limited to the following: shipments of  
31 livestock, hazardous materials, liquid concrete being hauled  
32 in a mobile cement mixer, or hot asphalt.

33 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in  
34 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other

1 Section of this Code.

2 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its  
3 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways  
4 under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon  
5 application in writing, may issue a special permit for  
6 continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to  
7 operate a tow-truck that exceeds the weight limits provided  
8 for in subsection (d) of Section 15-111, provided:

9 (1) no rear single axle of the tow-truck exceeds  
10 26,000 pounds;

11 (2) no rear tandem axle of the tow-truck exceeds  
12 50,000 pounds;

13 (2.1) no triple rear axle on a manufactured  
14 recovery unit exceeds 56,000 pounds;

15 (3) neither the disabled vehicle nor the disabled  
16 combination of vehicles exceed the weight restrictions  
17 imposed by this Chapter 15, or the weight limits imposed  
18 under a permit issued by the Department prior to hookup;

19 (4) the tow-truck prior to hookup does not exceed  
20 the weight restrictions imposed by this Chapter 15;

21 (5) during the tow operation the tow-truck does not  
22 violate any weight restriction sign;

23 (6) the tow-truck is equipped with flashing,  
24 rotating, or oscillating amber lights, visible for at  
25 least 500 feet in all directions;

26 (7) the tow-truck is specifically designed and  
27 licensed as a tow-truck;

28 (8) the tow-truck has a gross vehicle weight rating  
29 of sufficient capacity to safely handle the load;

30 (9) the tow-truck is equipped with air brakes;

31 (10) the tow-truck is capable of utilizing the  
32 lighting and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or  
33 combination of vehicles;

34 (11) the tow commences at the initial point of

1 wreck or disablement and terminates at a point where the  
 2 repairs are actually to occur the-tow-distance-of-the-tow  
 3 does-not-exceed-50-miles-from-the-point-of-disablement-to  
 4 a-place-of-repair-or-safekeeping;

5 (12) the permit issued to the tow-truck is carried  
 6 in the tow-truck and exhibited on demand by a police  
 7 officer; and

8 (13) the movement shall be valid only on state  
 9 routes approved by the Department.

10 (Source: P.A. 90-89, eff. 1-1-98; 90-228, eff. 7-25-97;  
 11 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 90-676, eff. 7-31-98; 91-569, eff.  
 12 1-1-00.)

13 (625 ILCS 5/15-308.2)

14 Sec. 15-308.2. Fees for special permits for tow-trucks.  
 15 The fee for a special permit to operate a tow-truck pursuant  
 16 to subsection (n) of Section 15-301 is \$50 \$500 quarterly and  
 17 \$200 \$2,000 annually.

18 (Source: P.A. 91-569, eff. 1-1-00.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
 20 becoming law."